



THE NOAA FORECAST

From the sun to the sea and everywhere in between
News from NOAA's Office of Communications

NOAA Seeks Stakeholder Input on Future of CZMA

NOAA's National Ocean Service is developing proposed amendments to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). In partnership with the Coastal States Organization (CSO), NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) is gathering innovative ideas that may be included in the draft legislation.

Phases I and II of this process identified current issues, constraints, and opportunities in coastal management via a white paper and interviews with state coastal program and estuarine research reserve managers, as well as other state-level officials.

Phase III is now beginning and involves meetings with stakeholders, Federal agencies, and Congressional staff.

NOAA's first stakeholder meeting, in partnership with CSO, was held on May 8 in Boston, MA and others are planned throughout the next month. Each stakeholder meeting will last one day and will be facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute.

For a complete schedule, visit: <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/news/meetings.html>



Stakeholder input is essential to solving coastal zone management issues.

NOAA Gearing Up for 2007 Stakeholder Forum

NOAA's 2007 Stakeholder Forum will take place May 23rd at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA.

NOAA is seeking stakeholder input on projected environmental trends, NOAA's future role and products, and feedback on the progress the agency has made in improving stakeholder engagement. The goal of the forum is to set a long-term direction for leadership in:

- Societal demands for climate information services;
- Research and technological challenges to improving extreme weather forecasting and prediction;
- Decision support services for hazard resilient communities, commerce, and transportation; and
- Ecosystem approaches to management in an era of changing mandates and increasing pressure on ocean and coastal resources.

Details available at <http://noaaregistration.fedworx.org/>

From the Helm Admiral Lautenbacher

Welcome to the first issue of NOAA Forecast. This newsletter is designed for NOAA's constituents and stakeholders and we hope to bring you news that you will find useful, informative and interesting.

We'll feature some of the major news from around NOAA and give you updates from the Hill and inside the budget process. Internally, Postcards from the Field has been a big hit with our employees, so from time to time we'll share those with you so you can see NOAA in its element.

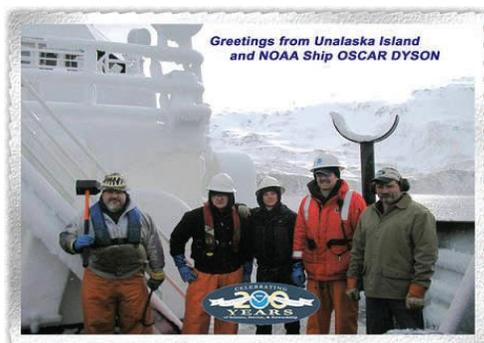
NOAA's constituents are as diverse as its mission and they play a vital role in the success of our mission. We rely on your expertise, partnership, support and advice. We have accomplished a great deal in the past six years and I want to personally thank you for your partnership and for the work you do.

NOAA continues to grow and is constantly branching out into new and exciting areas. We want to continue developing new products and services and we depend on your feedback to know how we can make the science we perform bring the most value to the country.

I hope the *Forecast* will help strengthen the bond NOAA has with its stakeholders and will continue to open lines of communications.

The forecast for NOAA continues to be bright!

Postcards from the Field



CAPT. John Herring

Frozen spray coats NOAA ship OSCAR DYSON, shown here preparing to anchor in Alaska after finishing a fisheries survey in the Aleutian archipelago.

NOAA on the Hill

On April 30th, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), U.S. Representatives Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) and James Langevin (D-RI), and the staff for Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) participated in the NOAA Hurricane Awareness Tour.

The annual tour kicked off at the Quonset Point State (RI) Airport and was led by National Weather Service Director BGEN D.L. Johnson, NOAA Marine and Aviations Operations Director RADM Sam DeBow and the new NOAA National Hurricane Center Director Bill Proenza.

Several of the Members, in addition to Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri, complimented NOAA on its efforts to educate vulnerable coastline populations in a press conference.

NOAA hurricane experts will continue travel aboard a NOAA WP-3 Orion turboprop Hurricane Hunter in a five-day, five-city tour of the East Coast to raise public awareness of hurricanes that can threaten the Atlantic Seaboard.



NOAA in the News

NOAA Sets up Shop in Second Life—*Information Week*
<http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=199202004>

Climate May be Right for Agency Devoted to it—*St. Petersburg Times*
http://www.sptimes.com/2007/04/29/Opinion/Climate_may_be_right.shtml

Agents Fish Markets for Illegally Harvested Seafood—*AP*
<http://washingtontimes.com/culture/20070429-113419-6204r.htm>

Did you know?

In 1872, the American Fish Culturists Association appropriated \$15,000 for the government to begin fish culture development, adding aquaculture to the U.S. Fish Commission's (now NOAA Fisheries) charge.

NEW WEB PORTAL SHOWCASES NOAA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Anyone wishing to join the variety of volunteer opportunities can now acquire a greater understanding of, and pursue, the available NOAA volunteer opportunities through the Web portal: www.volunteer.noaa.gov.

Volunteers across the nation provide vital support to NOAA in fulfilling our mission to understanding, protecting and educating others about our oceans and atmosphere," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Ph.D., undersecretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "I commend all volunteers for dedicating their time and expertise."

This new Web portal provides a collective presentation of NOAA volunteer opportunities across the United States that are available within three of NOAA's primary offices:



Volunteers help clean up marine debris in Hawaii.

- NOAA Fisheries: engage in NOAA's management of living marine resources through conservation and the promotion of healthy ecosystems;

- NOAA's National Ocean Service: delve into the nation's sanctuaries and estuaries to support NOAA's pursuit to observe, understand, and manage our nation's coastal and marine resources, and;

- NOAA's National Weather Service: trained storm spotters and long-term ob-

servers support NOAA's mission of climate monitoring and protecting life and property through accurate forecasts and warnings.

"Volunteers in these research, observation and educational roles benefit science, our citizens and our planet," added Lautenbacher.

Upcoming Events

May

9-11 – Working Waterways and Waterfronts – A National Symposium on Water Access – Norfolk, VA

13-19 – Coastal Society's 20th Biennial Conference – St. Petersburg, FL

13-17 – International Reading Association Annual Conference – Toronto, Canada

15-17 – U.S. Hydro 2007, sponsored by The Hydrographic Society of America – Norfolk, VA